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SUBJECT: GOODS HELD BY ROK CUSTOMS AND TRADE DISPUTE

REF: 1. YOUR CABLE OF 12/17/77
2. EMBASSY CABLE OF 10/21/77

1. AS REQUESTED, THE EMBASSY HAS AGAIN CONTACTED OFFICIALS OF ROK CUSTOMS IN PUSAN. THEY CONFIRMED THAT THE LEATHER GOODS IN QUESTION UNDER THEIR REFERENCE, SHINHWA WAREHOUSE DISTRESS (OVERDUE) SHIPMENT NO. 7-3097, B/L NO. MKB-1, WHICH ARRIVED PUSAN ON JUNE 26, 1977 ABOARD VESSEL DAE MYONG HO, IS IN PROCESS OF BEING PUT UP FOR PUBLIC AUCTION. THEY WERE UNABLE TO ADVISE US ON EXACT DATE FOR THIS PENDING AUCTION, BUT ESTIMATED THAT IT COULD BE ON OR ABOUT JANUARY 4, 1978.

2. THE EMBASSY OFFICER REQUESTED THEM BY PHONE TO POSTPONE AUCTION FOR A REASONABLE PERIOD OF TIME TO
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PERMIT YOU TO LOCATE AN END USER AND HAVE HIM CLEAR THE SHIPMENT THROUGH CUSTOMS. THE CUSTOMS OFFICER IN CHARGE OF CARGO SECTION STATED HIS OFFICE WOULD CONSIDER THE REQUEST UPON RECEIPT OF EMBASSY'S OFFICIAL LETTER BUT WOULD GIVE NO ASSURANCE OF POSTPONEMENT. EMBASSY MAILED THIS REQUEST ON DECEMBER 28TH.

3. WE TRUST THAT YOU HAVE ALREADY REQUESTED PUSAN CUSTOMS TO POSTPONE AUCTION AS WE SUGGESTED IN PARAGRAPH ONE OF OUR REFERENCED CABLE. BECAUSE OF THE LAPSE OF CONSIDERABLE PERIOD OF TIME SINCE THAT CABLE, IT MAY BE IMPORTANT FOR YOU TO REPEAT THE REQUEST TO MR. KANG, SUK-JIN, COLLECTOR, PUSAN CUSTOMS HOUSE, FOR ATTENTION OF CARGO SECTION, 17-7, 4-KA, CHOONGANG-DONG, CHUNG-KU, PUSAN 600, KOREA. SUCH A REQUEST SHOULD BE SUPPORTED BY YOUR PROPOSAL FOR DISPOSAL OF GOODS IN QUESTION AND THE MINIMUM OF EXTENSION REQUIRED.

4. THE EMBASSY CONTACTED THE ICC ALSO BY PHONE. THEY STATED THAT DUCK YOUNG KIM IS EXPECTED TO RETURN FROM OVERSEAS TRIP IN A FEW DAYS AND NO ONE ELSE IN ICC KNOWS ABOUT THE SHIPMENT IN QUESTION.

5. MR. CHONG-BUM KIM, LEATHER SECTION, BANDO SANGSA CO., LTD., PHONE: 22-4892, STATED THAT BANDO FAILED TO REACH SATISFACTORY BUSINESS TERMS WHEREBY IT COULD TAKE OVER THE SHIPMENT IN QUESTION. NEVERTHELESS BECAUSE BANDO WISHES TO DEVELOP FUTURE BUSINESS RELATIONS, IT WOULD CONTINUE TO NEGOTIATE WITH YOUR FIRM ON THIS SHIPMENT IF YOUR BONA FIDE REPRESENTATIVE VISITS THEM ASAP FOR A FACE TO FACE DISCUSSION. IF YOU WISH, PLEASE CONTACT MR. KIM PROMPTLY.

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